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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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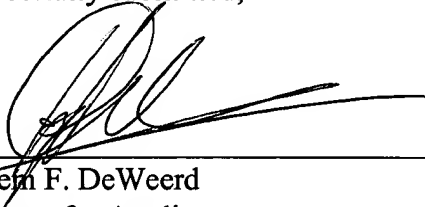
Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2003 for one month from October 22, 2003 to November 22, 2003. Enclosed is a check for \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

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